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FOR AMBASSADOR BOWDLER

FOLLOWING REPEAT PANAMA 3732 ACTION SECSTATE INFO
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FROM AMBASSADOR BUNKER

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SUBJ: U S - PANAMA TREATY NEGOTIATIONS: PANAMA'S
PARTICIPATION IN DEFENSE OF THE CANAL

1. FOR REASONS OF NEGOTIATING STRATEGY, I SUGGESTED, AND THE
FOREIGN MINISTER AGREED, THAT ONCE THE ISSUE OF PANAMA'S
PARTICIPATION IN CANAL ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN DEALT WITH, WE
TAKE UP NEXT THE ISSUE OF PANAMANIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE PROTEC-
TION AND DEFENSE OF THE CANAL, FOLLOWED BY THE ISSUE OF JUR-
ISDICTION PLUS RELATED U S RIGHTS.

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2. THUS, I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE STATE-DEFENSE SUPPORT GROUP WOULD BEGIN PREPARATION OF A PAPER FOR THE DEFENSE ISSUE, ALONG THE FORMAT LINES OF THE PARTICIPATION-IN-ADMINISTRATION ONE. WE SHALL PROBABLY REACH THIS ISSUE BY THE END OF JULY MEETING.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION I HAVE HAD A MOST USEFUL CONVERSATION WITH GENERAL ROSSON. AS HE IS REPORTING TO THE JOINT CHIEFS, HE WAS GOOD ENOUGH TO OUTLINE FOR ME IN THE BROADEST TERMS HIS DEFENSE CONCEPT. I CONSIDER THAT IT IS EXTREMELY SENSIBLE, AND MIGHT WELL SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR THE SUPPORT GROUP'S PAPER.

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